

Town Board Minutes
January 14, 2025

The monthly town board meeting held on January 14, 2025 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York was called to order by Supervisor Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Pete Martini, Council; Grant Downs, Bruce Henderson, Kathleen McGrath Excused: Colby Petersen

Others present: George Thompson, Jim Riesenberger, Bob Miller, George Dowse, Gary McIntee, Dave Goff, Dwight James, Tim Chambers

Mr. Martini led the pledge of allegiance.

December minutes: Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Ms. McGrath to approve December minutes with the following correction, to amend total abstract of voucher for A & B Fund in December audit to include Stork Insurance voucher, \$ 36,686.17, carried by all.

Abstract of vouchers - Mr. Martini presented the abstracts. Motion by Ms. McGrath, 2nd Mr. Henderson, the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$ 14,012. 23 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Henderson, the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount of \$ 10,2356.86 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Henderson, 2nd Mr. Downs, the bills on Water District 1 Administration account in the amount of \$ 3,819.02 be paid, carried by all.

Supervisor presented LL 1-25: Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Henderson to set a public hearing for,

Local Law 1-25 Tax Cap Override 2026

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Torrey, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to schedule a public hearing to solicit public comment upon a proposed Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Torrey has reviewed the draft of the aforementioned proposed Local Law attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and deems it in the best interests of the

Town of Torrey to proceed in accordance with the Code of the Town of Torrey and the Laws of the State of New York in adopting said Local Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to schedule a public hearing to be held on February 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Torrey Town Hall, 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, be and hereby is, authorized to forward to the official newspapers of the Town a Notice of Public Hearing in the form substantially the same as that attached hereto as Exhibit "2"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to post a copy of the proposed Local Law on the Town of Torrey sign board and take any and all other necessary actions to properly bring the aforementioned Local Law before the Town Board of the Town of Torrey for its consideration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to provide all other notices as required by law for the adoption of this local law.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Martini- Aye Councilmen: Downs Aye, Martin - Aye Henderson - Aye (4 Ayes 0 Nays) carried Petersen - Absent

Mengle Metzger Barr & Co, Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Ms. McGrath, authorizing the Supervisor to sign Letter of Engagement with the Mengel Metzger Barr & Co. Accounting Firm for the Annual Finance Report for 2023, carried by all.

Supervisor Software: Mr. Martini presented annual software contract with Williamson Law Books for Payroll in the amount of \$ 1895. and Accounting and Budgeting for \$2,295. Motion by Ms. McGrath 2nd Mr. Downs authorizing Supervisor to sign the WLB Payroll Software contract and the Accounting & Budgeting Software for 2024, carried by all.

Justice Financial Audit: Supervisor Peter Martini offered a report on the Justice Audit on Judge James E Smith January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 financial reports and records. Councilman Bruce Henderson offered the following resolution, 2nd by Councilman Grant Downs,

WHEREAS, the Town of Torrey Town Board on December 10, 2024 did request that the Torrey Justice Financial Records

for the Year 2024 be audited by Mr. Martini and Councilman Colby Petersen and,

WHEREAS, an audit was performed on January 7, 2025 on the Town of Torrey Justice Financial Records for the year 2024, this audit took place in the Town Offices at 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, NY, and

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, on January 14, 2025 the Town of Torrey Town Board did receive and approve the audit report on the Town of Torrey Justice Financial Records for the year 2025 as presented by Supervisor Martini, and Councilman Petersen, who's findings were that to the best of their knowledge, the Torrey Justice Financial Records for the year 2024 to be true and correct.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Martini- Aye Councilmen: Downs Aye, Martin - Aye Henderson - Aye (4 Ayes 0 Nays) carried Petersen - Absent

Ms. McGrath and Mr. Henderson presented the updates to Health Insurance and Retirement in the Town Personnel Policy.

§21.10 HEALTH INSURANCE

- A. The Town of Torrey full time employees, Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk together with their spouses, domestic partners as defined by the insurance company and eligible dependents may participate in the town health insurance plan. An annual stipend of 20% of the health care premium will be paid to full time employees that choose to opt out of the Town health insurance plan.
- B. Part time employees are not eligible to participate in Town of Torrey health care plans.
- C. Employees hired prior to January 1, 2024 will pay 10% of the insurance premium which will be deducted from paycheck.
- D. Employees hired on or after January 1, 2024 will pay 20% of the insurance premium which will be deducted from paycheck.
- E. Employees who become eligible for Medicare may choose to enroll and will receive the current Town of

Torrey Medicare plan less 10% or 20% based on 21.10 C and D. Employees that choose not to enroll in Medicare will receive the amount of the current Medicare plan or another Town of Torrey plan toward their premium, whichever is less.

F. Medicare Part B will not be reimbursed for any employee or additional participant enrolling in Medicare after January 1, 2025.

G. The Town of Torrey does not provide health insurance at time of separation of employment.

§21-11 RETIREMENT

A. New York State retirement is available to all employees. The employee is required to contribute a portion of his/her wages to the New York State Retirement System in accordance with their respective retirement tier.

B. Highway Superintendent and Town Board members must receive written notification three months in advance of any employee's planned retirement date. The Town Board will address accumulated unused personal/sick time (**see section 21-03.C**) at the rate of 80% of the final hourly wage.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Supervisor to accept the updated Personnel Policy as presented, carried by all.

Medical Insurance Ms. McGrath and Mr. Henderson have been looking over medical insurance plans that will be cost savings to both the employees and town. They presented a plan from Finger Lakes Municipal Health Insurance Trust. There is a non-refundable Entry Fee payment of \$ 1000. to join. The plan is \$ 309 each participant per month compared to the present \$519. per month.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Ms. McGrath authorizing the Supervisor to sign onto the FLMHIT Medicare collective purchasing program for 2025 the **First Amended Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement**, carried by all.

Yates County Soil & Water Annual Water inspection report was presented. There were 115 inspections for 2024 including 9 past dues from 2020-2023. 13 Engineered designs were approved for new and replacement onsite wastewater treatment systems. 10 site evaluations were conducted which includes deep hole and percolation test.

Long Point Roadway Bond Supervisor presented a 2025 Roadway Bond for \$ 10,000 from Riccelli Corp. for any damages to Long Point Road from December 1, 2024 to December 1, 2025. Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Henderson accepting the Riccelli roadway bond for Long Point Rd. carried by all.

Code Officer presented the FEMA Floodplain Update. Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Ms. McGrath, to send the update to the town attorney for review, carried by all.

Dresden Fire Dept Report for the month submitted by Chief Henries. Chief Henries is willing to appear at any board meeting if needed. Board members accepted and appreciated the in-depth Fire incidents report.

NYS Retirement Amortization payment: Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Henderson to pay the NYS Retirement in the amount of \$ 36,419. by February 1st, carried by all.

Finger Lakes Municipal Health Insurance Trust. Ms. McGrath presented a new medical insurance Program for the Medicare eligible employees and spouses. This change in providers Excellus to FLMHIT will show a significant savings to the Town budget. Mr. Henderson made the motion authorizing the Supervisor to sign agreement with FLMHIT and pay an association fee of \$ 1,000. and was 2nd by Mr. Downs, carried by all.

George Dowse, Chairman of the Planning Board presented an application from a interested resident to fill the vacancy save the Town. Jim Warner of Perry Point Road would like to serve the planning board.

Planning Board Appointment Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Ms.

McGrath to appoint James Warner of 1841 Perry Point Road to the Planning Board vacant seat for a term to 2029, carried by all.

Supervisor Martini introduced the slate of 2025 Appointments and Compensation.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Ms. McGrath to accept and approve the following slate of Appointments and Compensations

- ❖ Any town official /employee, board members to attend training sponsored by the Association of Towns & local trainings during the year, at the Towns expense.
- ❖ Finger Lakes Times, Chronicle Express as official newspaper of the Town
- ❖ Town Board Meeting date 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM
- ❖ Community Bank NA official bank of Deposit for Health District, Town Clerk/ Tax Coll. and NYSDEC
- ❖ Community Bank NA, Lyons National -official banks of deposit for Gen. A & B, Highway DA & DB, Fire Protection, Trust Agency, Water District 1
- ❖ Code Officer - Dwight James \$ 24,480./ year & mileage
- ❖ Setting mileage reimbursement for .70 per mile.
- ❖ Deputy Supervisor-Colby Petersen \$ 597./year
- ❖ Deputy Highway Supt. - Josh Wood \$ 2080./year
- ❖ Deputy Town Clerks- Darlene Conley,\$ 20.00/hr
- ❖ Supervisors Bookkeeper- Betty Daggett \$ 25./hr
- ❖ Justice Clerk - Betty Daggett /Michael Peacock \$ 20./hr
- ❖ Town Attorney - Jeff Graff at 150./hr
- ❖ Make necessary Inter fund transfers of money on overdrawn accts for General or Highway
- ❖ Highway HEO Fulltime- starting at \$24.50 with medical benefits **and OT**
- ❖ Highway Plow P/T \$ 18./hr., No benefits
- ❖ Highway Laborer part time - \$ 15.50/hr. no benefits or OT
- ❖ Lifeguards/ Rec. Leaders- \$17.00hr no benefits
- ❖ Beach/ Rec. aides- \$ 16/hr. no benefits
- ❖ Planning Board Chairmen/Sec. each \$ 300./year
- ❖ Planning Board Members each 200./year
- ❖ ZBA Chairman/ Sec - \$ 200./year
- ❖ ZBA Members each \$100./year
- ❖ Janitor \$ 20./ hour
- ❖ Board of Assessment Review each \$ 100. Annual

This motion carried by all.

Highway Report: Tim Chambers reported DOT Chips paperwork submitted for Serenity Road.

Been questioned on roll off dumpster parked in rear parking lot for a month. Highway is cleaning out junk from back barn and in upstairs of shop to make more room. Discovered a few of the pole in back barn are rotting and are in need of replacing.

2017 pickup plow & sander sold at Auctions International for \$ 14,006.

Highway has been out 8 times salt and plowing.

Working on easements for Perry Pt culvert projects.

Recently discovered NFS 1 Solar Farm owns Hansen Road.

Regarding the water issue on NSF 1,2,3 on Hansen Road Farm Bureau is now involved trying to help solve the issue. Supervisor reported Perry Point Water District 2 funding has not gone thru appropriation as of yet, reported by an aide of Congresswoman Tenney. Tentatively March the funding will be announced.

CPL Engineering working with Hunt Engineering in regards to direction the water lines can take to Perry Point.

Vibrantz has a brownfield which will negate disturbing the property with a water line.

Greenidge Generating will allow the water line to cross their property at the railroad crossings.

Code Report Dwight James discussed the need for a solar community host agreement.

He presented his yearend stats. Total permits 116, total rentals 43, total other permits 73. Collected \$ 30,359.72 in permit fees, project totals \$ 5,538,944.00.

Issued 1 Special use application, 1 site plan review, 18 building progress inspections, 94 miles.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Henderson that the Solar Permit Fee for 2025 be set at

Poor graded soil \$ 1,000. Per mega watt

Average graded soil \$ 2,500. Per mega watt

Prime graded soil \$ 5,000. Per mega watt

Soil grade determined by Yates Co Soil & Water District soil maps.

Carried by all.

Assessor report: 6 sales for the end of October, November, and beginning of December - only 2 were arm's length sales and 2 were a related family sale and 2 sales were trusts.

Working on one courtesy merge for a property owner - this involves merging 2 parcels.

Quite a few exemptions have been received already this year. Processing is just beginning.

2 parcels have been updated for their EDU's based on new construction. It will take effect on the 2025 assessment and special assessment rolls.

Water District 1 report- submitted

Supervisor requested Water Committee Chairman Bob Miller to schedule meeting to draft yearly water report per George Thompson' request.

Motion to adjournment by Mr. Downs, 2nd Ms. McGrath carried at 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted,